

Hornet Ranger Station, Garage (Building No. 1329)
Payette National Forest
National Forest Road No. 50002
Council Vicinity
Adams County
Idaho

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

HORNET RANGER STATION, GARAGE (Bldg. No. 1329)
HABS No. ID-110-C

Location: Payette National Forest
15 miles southwest of Council
0.2 miles north of Washington County line
National Forest Road No. 50002, at Mill Creek
Adams County
Idaho

U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Hornet SW, 1D, quadrangle
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates:
11.529300.4965000

Present Owner: Payette National Forest
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1026 Park Street
McCall, Idaho 83638

Present Use: Abandoned

Statement of Significance:

The Hornet Ranger Station forms important historical associations with two federal agencies: the U.S. Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Both of these agencies were instrumental in the regional development of the West during the first half of the twentieth century.

PART 1. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: The garage was constructed in 1934.
2. Architect/Builder: The garage was built as a modified "Plan R-4 #21" two-car garage and storeroom. It was built as part of a cooperative project by personnel of the Weiser National Forest and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).
3. Original and subsequent owners: The garage has always been the property of the U.S. Forest Service.
4. Alterations and additions: Originally, the building was painted white with green trim. Today, it is painted avocado with white trim. In 1969, the original wood shingle roof was replaced with corrugated aluminum.

B. Historical Context: See overview for complex.

PART 11. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

The Garage is a one story structure 36 feet (N-S) by 20 feet. Floor space is arranged so as to accommodate two parked vehicles and a partitioned storeroom.

1. Architectural character: The one story wood frame garage with "1 x 6" shiplap horizontal siding is a modified "Plan R-4 #21" two-car garage and storeroom. The building is typical of regional Forest Service architecture.

2. Condition of the fabric: The overall condition of the historic fabric is good.

B. Description of the Exterior

1. Foundations: The structure is supported upon concrete rectangular piers and six-inch sills of Douglas fir. Footer walls for the piers are excavated to a depth of approximately 30 inches.

2. Walls: The framed building is constructed with milled dimensional lumber of Douglas fir and ponderosa pine. Wire nails are employed throughout as fasteners. Walls are constructed with "2 x 4" studs covered with "1 x 6" shiplap. The siding is painted avocado with white trim.

3. Doors: The garage contains two exterior entry doors. The main entryway (vehicle access) is located on the south elevation via a double sliding door. The sliding doors move along an overhead roller-bearing hangar, within a weather tight steel track. The sliding doors overlap when opening or closing; only one is operational at a time. Each door measures 9.25 feet by nine feet and is hung on the inside. A five-panel wooden door 2.5 feet by 6.5 feet located on the north elevation (rear) furnishes access to the storeroom.

4. Windows: The fenestration utilizes five sash windows; the east and west walls contain two each with four fixed panes of glass. A single window in the center of the north elevation (storeroom) is a sliding sash type with eight panes of glass.

5. Roof: The gable roof is built with "2 x 6" rough sawn fir trusses and sheathing. The corrugated aluminum, which replaced the wood shingles in 1969, is painted green.

C. Description of the Interior

1. Floor plan: The floor plan consists of a parking area large enough for two vehicles and a rear storeroom. The rear portion, approximately one-third of the square footage, is divided by a partition wall lined with shiplap on one side. The wall contains a five-panel wooden door identical to the one along the external wall of the storeroom.

2. Flooring and ceiling: The entire floor is composed of "2 by 6" pine. The ceiling is open to the exposed rafters of the roof.

3. Other features: The storeroom portion of the garage measures nine by 13 feet.